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1. This is an action request. Please see para. 5.

2. (U) EconChief and Polchief discussed UAE plans to attend the May 25-26 Doha meeting on the Iraq Trust Fund with MFA Director of European and American Affairs Ahmed Al-Muqarrab. Al-Muqarrab said that he thought the UAE would

attend the conference, since it had hosted the original conference, but he did not have details on the delegation. Subsequently, Econchief followed up with the MFA and learned that the UAE Ambassador to Qatar would represent the UAE at the conference.

13. (SBU) Post has also requested a fuller account of UAE assistance to Iraq. We have reported on this extensively, but have never been able to get a comprehensive breakdown of all assistance (see refs d-f for example). On April 23, the Ambassador asked Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al-Nahyan if the UAE could provide such a breakdown. Sheikh Hamdan promised the Ambassador that he would get her a breakdown of UAE assistance to Iraq by the Red Crescent Authority (RCA), the UAE Armed Forces, and private foundations (Sheikh Zayed Charitable foundation etc.). EconChief followed up Khadim Al-Darei, Sheikh Hamdan's Deputy Office Director, who said that the office was already taking action on this promise and would get back to us when they had the numbers. The UAE had already provided a complete accounting of RCA assistance to Iraq to the Department through the UAE Embassy in Washington. This assistance amounts to about \$32 million. (Note: It appears from the RCA submission that some of what we originally reported as assistance from the UAE military was either funded by the RCA or is, at least now being reported as RCA funding (i.e., hospital reconstruction). The figures provided by the RCA do not appear to include the cost of actual medical treatment (as opposed to supplies) for the Iraqis or the costs of salaries for UAE doctors. End note.)

14. (SBU) Sheikh Hamdan also told the Ambassador that the UAE has 2 used generators in storage ready to be shipped to Iraq. Total value of the generators is \$150 million. However, he said that the UAE could not cover the cost of shipping and installation, but asked whether any other donor country would be able to provide shipping and installation. He didn't have shipping figures, but suggested that the cost of installation would be about \$10 million each. Al-Darei confirmed to Econchief that the UAE had talked to the Iraqis about covering shipping and handling. He reiterated Sheikh Hamdan's comments that the UAE has the generators and is ready to work with other donors to get them shipped to Iraq as quickly as possible.

15. (SBU) Action request: Please advise if there are other donors who are willing to work with the UAE to cover shipping and installation costs. This would appear to be a quick/high impact project, given Iraq's pressing power needs.

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